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**STENT WITH VARIABLE FEATURES TO  
OPTIMIZE SUPPORT AND METHOD OF  
MAKING SUCH STENT**

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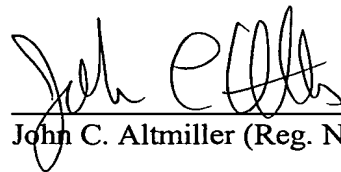
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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the following reference to the attention of the Examiner. This reference is listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) (submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c)) fee of **\$240.00** and any additional fees that may be required to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
3. Copies of the patents and publications listed on the modified PTO form 1449 are not enclosed since they were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior application Serial No. 09/040,145, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35. U.S.C. 120.

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